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Nanal and other growth is being uprooted in the various shoals up to the anicut and the soil loosened to encourage the scouring action of flood water.

(c) There has been no such correspondence recently.

Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether there was any correspondence at any time and, if so, whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of the House ? "

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I believe there was some discussion at the time when the railway bridge was being constructed but I do not remember to have seen any correspondence about it. The hon. Member will find considerable information in a note on this subject which was placed on the table of the House in answer to a question about the 1st of February 1929."

Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether Government do not apprehend danger to irrigation by the continual silting up due to the existence of the railway bridge at the present place ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I cannot say it is due to that. The silting up is probably due more to the anicut than to the railway bridge."

Investigation of irrigation schemes in Malabar.

* 1748 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of initiating in the district of Malabar any irrigation scheme ;

(b) if so, when, and what became of the scheme, and if not, why not ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to consider the question of introducing an irrigation scheme in the district in the near future ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A list^a of schemes which were investigated since 1903 but abandoned is annexed.

(c) The Government have no scheme under consideration at present.

Land Revenue

Exemption from payment of water-rates in the Periyar system.

* 1749 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the Council table—

(a) all their orders from 1921 till 1929 regarding exemption from payment of water-rates and land revenues ;

(b) the number of pattadars of depressed classes in Nellore, Kistna and other northern districts ;

(c) the extent of land so exempted ; and

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(d) whether Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of extending similar concessions to Kallar, Pallar and other poor ryots in the Periyar system?

A.—(a) The Government regret that it is not practicable to do so.

(b) & (c) The Government have not the information.

(d) If the hon. Member's suggestion is that Kallars and Pallars should be treated as depressed classes for the purpose of the grant of certain concessions in respect of land, the answer is that they are already so classed. The Government do not consider it feasible to treat 'other poor ryots' in the same way.

Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR :—"With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I ask the hon. Member whether Government will at least consider the advisability of providing hon. Members who want with copies of the orders?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"There may be several orders during that period and it will take a long time to collect the orders and furnish copies of them."

Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR :—"May I ask the hon. Member whether it will not be possible for him to furnish copies of these orders to such of the hon. Members who want them?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"If the hon. Member wants any particular order, I will be glad to consider the question."

Mr. S. N. DORAI RAJA :—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether it is the intention of the Government not to treat the other poor ryots on the same footing as Kallars and Pallars in regard to the grant of concessions?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I am only concerned with the grant of land."

Compensation to owners of wet lands in Rayadrug taluk.

* 1750 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the correspondence ending with Revenue Secretary's letter No. 1179/B-23-3, dated the 30th July 1923—

(a) whether the owners of wet lands which could no longer be grown with wet crop owing to the Government's decision not to repair the breach in the Deepala Nagammacheruvu of Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, were given any compensation for the loss suffered by them and, if so, the details of the compensation so granted; or

(b) whether the Government are still investigating the possibility of carrying out any scheme by which land hitherto classed as wet might be brought under wet cultivation; and, if so, the progress made, if any, in the investigation of such a scheme, together with its details?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 488 given on 28th October 1925. The Government have no further information and have called for a report.